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Please join us for our last social event of the AGA year----- the 8th annual AGA New Orleans Chapter's night at the Zephyrs Baseball Game and Tailgate Party. The Zephyrs will play the Round Rock Express.

When: Friday, May 30

**Time:** 5:45 Tailgate Party includes pizza, beer, soft drinks and more.

7:00 Ballgame

**Place:** Zephyrs parking lot (Baton Rouge side) and stadium 6000

Airline Drive, Metairie, LA

**Cost:** Baseball game ticket and Tailgate Party \$10.00 members/guests

We look forward to a good turnout for this great family event.

So we know how many tickets to order, please RSVP Marcele Herringshaw 504 426-5114 mailto:marcele.herringshaw@usda.govby COB Wednesday, May 28th. Please prepay to Gary Millet mailto:gary.millet@usda.gov504-426-0162

To mail a payment send to: AGA Attn: Gary Millet P.O. Box 29186 New Orleans, LA 70189

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our final meeting of the 2007-2008 year. This will feature our annual Awards Program and trip to the Zephyr's game. I hope to see all of you at the tail gate party beginning at 5:45 p.m.

The latter part of April and early May were full of AGA activities in the New Orleans area. Beginning on April 28<sup>th</sup>, Past National President, Jeff Hart lead a group of about 20 volunteers from around the country in what is becoming an annual event to work with Habitat for the Humanities to rebuild homes in the New Orleans area. The group worked on homes for the entire week. I want to thank the many businesses that donated lunches and to the volunteers from our chapter who supported this effort by bringing the food to the work sites each day. I also want to thank those who arranged for other activities for the group at night, including the crayfish boil that we held on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Everyone involved in the Habitat project had a great time while they were in the N.O. area and also felt good about their accomplishments in helping the community. The team has committed to be back again next year.

In addition to this AGA group, we also hosted the Sectional Leadership Meeting of AGA beginning on Thursday night, May 1 and continuing through Saturday, May 3. Some 90 AGA leaders from the National Office and from throughout the Section came down to discuss AGA and to learn things we can do to improve our Association and provide additional benefits to members and to the professional as a whole. For many this was their first trip to the Crescent City. All said that they had a great time, learned a lot, became better leaders, and most, if not all, will be back to N.O.

Our spring training session was held April 30<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to the yeoman efforts of Marcie Tureaud, Peggy Javery, and others who supported them. This training was extremely worthwhile and was well received by all in attendance. The quality of the program was excellent and included a wide variety of topics useful to all. CNN filmed the session featuring Robert Cerasoli, New Orleans' new Inspector General, and Jim Letten, our U.S. Attorney, for broadcast sometime in August. Those of you who were not able to attend this training really missed an opportunity to learn and to earn CPE credits.

Like so many other years, this year seems to have flown by very quickly. As I mentioned in my message last month, the New Orleans Chapter has been in existence since 1953 and all of us involved in the Chapter have seen both good times and bad times over our long history. This year was another one of the good years. I have indeed enjoyed the opportunity to serve as your President and I look forward to working in other capacities to serve this great organization.

Clyde G. McShan, II Chapter President



### MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND NEWS

### **Congratulations to Gary Millet!**



United States Department of Agriculture Office of the Chief Financial Officer National Finance Center P.O. Box 60000 New Orleans Louisiana 70160

Date: May 9, 2008

In reply refer to: GESD

Subject: Associate Director, Payroll Accounting

To: All OCFO Employees Located at NFC

I am pleased to announce the selection of Gary Millet as the Associate Director for Payroll Accounting in the Government Employee Services Division, effective May 11, 2008.

Gary brings a variety of experience to his new position. He has functioned as the Risk Management Officer for over ten years and has nearly 29 years of Federal service. Gary has served as past President of the Association of Government Accountants (AGA) and is still very active in AGA.

Please join me in welcoming Gary to his new position.

/s/
JOHN S. WHITE, Acting Director
Government Employee Services Division

Please share news about yourself or other AGA members. Contact Godwin Ndukwe at godwinnola@aol.com

## AGA'S NEW ORLEANS CHAPTER MEETINGS 2007-2008

May 30, 2008	5:45 P.M.	Zephyr Stadium	Chapter Awards Ceremony
		6000 Airline Drive	Tailgate Party
		Metairie, LA	7:00 Zephyr Game

### **2008 PDC Hotel Now Accepting Reservations**

It's time to look ahead to PDC 2008. Next year's conference will take place July 27 - 30 at the Atlanta Marriott Marquis.

The room rate is \$129 (plus tax). Rates are only guaranteed until July 6, 2008, *or until the block is sold out*. Reservations received after the block has been filled will be made on a space-available basis and may be subject to higher rates. We encourage you to make your reservations early for the best price and availability.

To make a reservation, please call the hotel at 888.829.1396 and mention you are attending the "AGA PDC" to receive the discounted rate. A credit card is required to guarantee the reservation. Or, for your convenience, you may also reserve a room online.

### **CGFM Exam Update**

AGA is in the process of updating the three CGFM Examinations. The updated CGFM Examinations will be offered for the first time at the Intensive Review Course/CGFM Examinations event to take place before the Professional Development Conference & Exposition in Atlanta on July 24 – 27, 2008. The updated examinations will be available in Prometric testing centers beginning on Aug. 15, 2008. See CGFM Examinations Update page for more information.

AGA Habitat for Humanities Project "Rebuild New Orleans" April 28 – May 2, 2008

The title says it all, "Second Annual AGA National Community Service Project in New Orleans Was Another Rousing Success"

Success and dedicated volunteers make the difference in creating a better world. The AGA National Community Service Event is putting New Orleans in the hearts of AGA members from many different chapters. "Twenty AGA members, family and friends representing 13 chapters spread from Washington, D.C. to Washington State and Northern Michigan to the Mississippi Delta, recently returned from our Second Annual National Community Service Project in New Orleans. We were joined by a dozen local chapter members and represented various federal, state and local agencies throughout the local area."

Your local Chapter is an integral part of making this event memorable and fun. New Orleans is known for its amazing cuisine and a number of restaurants joined our National Community Service Project by donating lunches to the volunteers. I heard one volunteer state, "Each day, we were surprised with the most wonderful and delicious lunch to eat"! Retired National Finance Center Associate Director, Howard Tamborella, was our chapter representative who picked up the lunches from the various restaurants and dropped them off at the worksite. Howard also worked rebuilding homes.

"Many thanks also to the following restaurants representing New Orleans' finest cuisine who made sure we were well fed each day at lunchtime: Louisiana Pizza Kitchen, Five Happiness, CeCe's, Zea's Restaurant and Gordon Biersch."

Clyde McShan and his wife Debbie hosted an evening crawfish boil at their home. Harrah's Casino also contributed and offered certificates to their dinner buffet. It doesn't get any better than that!

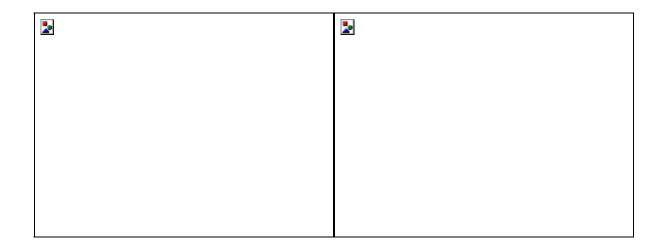
"Members of the New Orleans chapter also joined us at the work site including Knica Lloyd and Howard Tamborella. Many New Orleans officers and chapter members made significant contributions to planning and implementing this project including Past National Presidents Clyde McShan, CGFM, and Jullin Renthrope, CGFM, Past Regional Vice President Peggy Javery, CGFM, Past Chapter President Jill Byrd, CGFM, Amanda Green, CGFM, Pam Lincoln, CGFM, Knica Lloyd, Marcie Tureaud, Fay and Warren Wilson, CGFM, and Jessie Anderson."

"The Chapter also invited member agencies of the New Orleans Federal Executive Board (FEB) to join us. The FEB and other agency personnel who worked with AGA included Bruce Ingber, Cathy Mason, and Steven Lloyd of USDA, Charlene Reynolds, Julianna Gallego, and Kelly Schwehm with DOE, Maria Alvarez of SSA, and Patricia Brown with NOAA."

To read the article in its entirety, visit AGA Topics website: http://www.agacgfm.org/publications/topics/051208/neworleans.aspx

I want to personally thank with much gratitude all of the volunteers (locally and from around the nation), and the local restaurant contributors. Come on back next year, April 27 through April 29, 2009. Mark your calendars.

Peggy Javery, CGFM, MPA



### **ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTANTS**

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS		STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES	
March 31, 2008		For 7 months ended March 31, 2008	
ASSETS		OPERATING REVENUES	
CURRENT ASSETS:		Education/Training	\$ 930.00
Cash		Business Meetings	3,919.25
Savings	,	50/50 Raffle	160.00
Accounts Receivable		Membership Dues	455.00
Deposit – Restaurants		Christmas Party	225.00
Prepaid Seminar Expenses TOTAL ASSETS	\$7,725.02	Interest Income  Total operating revenue	<u>81.80</u> \$5,771.05
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ASSETS Accounts Payable	¢ 65 10	OPERATING EXPENSES Education/Training	\$672.00
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Hurricane Relief Fund	\$2,709.25	Business Meetings	4,149.57
Membership Recruitment	300.00	Speakers Gifts	.00
Habitat Project Funds	243.47	AGA PDC Raffle Basket	00
Unrestricted net assets	4,407.12	50/50 Raffle	79.00
		Postage/Supplies/Gifts	72.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES		Bank Charges	.00
AND NET ASSETS	\$7,725.02	Scholarship Winner	250.00
		Christmas Party	1,939.34
Katrina Relief Fund (Details)		Officer Awards	.00
Donations Received	+\$10,661.50	Total operating expenses	\$7,161.91
Member Dues Rebate	4,638.50		
Members Meeting Subsidy	2,328.75	OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$(1,390.76)
Audio Conf. Subsidy	435.00		
April Spring Seminar	875.00	NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	.00
		INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE	(*/ 4 000 00)
		CONTRIBUTIONS	\$(1,390.86)
National Office Departies	. 225 00	CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(26.00)
National Office Donation	+325.00	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$(1,364.86)
		NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	\$5,771.98
Remaining Balance	\$2,709.25		
		NET ASSETS AT END OF	¢4.407.42

PERIOD

\$4,407.12

### **RECOGNITION POINTS**

(Not available at this time)

Recognition Categories	Max Credits Per Category	Credits Through Apr 2008
Communications	3,000	
Membership	3,000	
Community Service	2,000	
Awards	1,000	
Chapter Leadership, Planning and Participation	3,000	
Education & Professional Development	4,000	
Certification	4,000	
Total	20,000	



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